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In Re: Patent Term Extension
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The above-identified application for patent term extension has been filed by a practitioner who is not of record. A power of attorney may only be signed by the applicant for patent or the assignee of the entire interest of the applicant (as provided for under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71(b)). Since the rules of practice permit a patent practitioner to act in a representative capacity, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.34, the present application for patent term extension is considered to have been filed by a practitioner acting in a representative capacity. Thus, the patent term extension application has been accorded a filing date of August 19, 2010. Ms. Camara attempted to give power of attorney to Mr. Jacobsen via an associate power of attorney (Exh. H). It is noted that associate power of attorney practice was eliminated in 2004, see Federal Register notice found at 69 Fed. Reg. 29865 (May 26, 2004). Furthermore, Ms. Camara does not have power of attorney in this application. To make the record clear regarding this power of attorney issue, it is suggested that the assignee establish its ownership to prosecute the present patent term extension application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 3.71 with the filing of a 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) statement and a properly-signed power of attorney document.

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